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Catalogue
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Price-List
OF
Fruit Trees

GROWN BY

P. & P. de WET
Villiersdorp, C.P.

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If you prefer this Catalogue in Afrikaans please let us know, when a copy will at once be posted to you.

Indien U deze Katalogus in het Afrikaans wilt hebben, wees dan zo goed het ons te laten weten, dan zenden wij U een eksemplaar.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,—

We have much pleasure in presenting you with our **EIGHTH CATALOGUE OF FRUIT TREES**, and avail ourselves of the opportunity to thank our Customers for the support accorded us during the last seven seasons, and shall do our best to merit a continuance of their favour and recommendation.

We have now extended our nurseries, which contain over half-a-million trees in various stages. The soil is particularly suitable for producing nice fibrous rooted trees, thus ensuring a safer removal to other places.

We further beg to assure our customers, that neither time, nor trouble, or expense, has been spared in the selecting, growing and preparing of our trees, and that we can confidently recommend them as being well-grown and healthy, and all orders entrusted to us shall again receive our prompt attention.

Yours faithfully,

P. & P. DE WET.

VILLIERSDORP, C.P.
March, 1924.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Please read carefully before ordering:

1. All correspondence should be addressed to:—

P. & P. DE WET, VILLIERSDORP, C.P.

Bankers: NATIONAL BANK, VILLIERSDORP.

Telegraphic Address: "BOMEN, VILLIERSDORP."

Telephone No. 6.

2. Customers are requested to make use of our order forms as far as possible to avoid delay in execution and unnecessary correspondence, and must please write their addresses distinctly.

3. All orders are carefully packed for transmission to all parts of the Union, so as to ensure their arrival in good condition, and delivered carriage free at Worcester or Elgin Station. We do not charge extra for packing or packing material.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for any loss or delay that may occur through the negligence of the Railway Department, after the trees have been delivered by us.

No complaints will be recognised unless made within ten days from date delivery has been taken of trees.

4. **GUARANTEE OF GENUINENESS AND CONDITION OF SALE:**—Every possible precaution is taken to prevent errors, and consequently while we guarantee our trees to be true to name, we can only hold ourselves responsible to replace such trees as may prove untrue to label or refund the money received for such trees, and we give no further warranty, nor will we recognise any further liability.

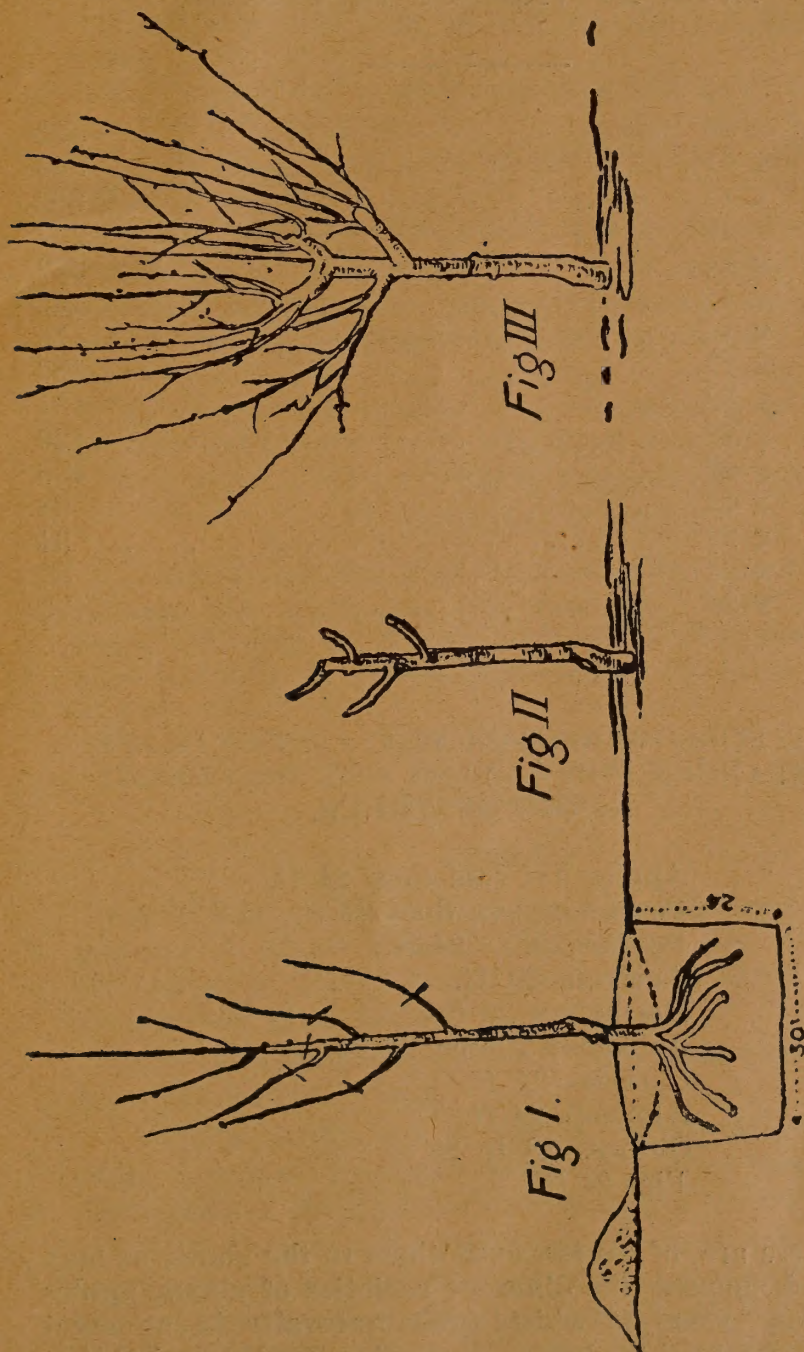
5. Approximate date of execution must accompany each order, and we want our customers to specially note, that it is very difficult to hold back trees, standing in the nursery after the middle of August. This, of course, relates to certain varieties such as quinces and the early varieties of peaches, almonds, plums, etc., but apples can be held back later, dependent on the season.

6. Good references must accompany each order, from clients unknown to us.

7. **OUR TERMS ARE NETT CASH WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF INVOICE.**

When and How to Plant.

The best time to plant is from JUNE 1st to AUGUST 31st.



The accompanying plan shows:—Fig. 1. Section of hole after planting, leaving a basin as shown by dotted lines, to be filled up with ground after water has soaked away. This process of watering is unnecessary if followed by rain immediately after planting.
Fig. 2. Same tree planted immediately after planting. Fig. 3. Same tree a year after it has been planted.

TABLE

SHOWING NUMBER OF TREES REQUIRED TO AN
ACRE AT VARIOUS DISTANCES.

10	Feet	x	10	Feet	435
11	"	x	11	"	360
12	"	x	12	"	302
13	"	x	13	"	257
14	"	x	14	"	222
15	"	x	15	"	193
16	"	x	16	"	170
17	"	x	17	"	150
18	"	x	18	"	134
19	"	x	19	"	120
20	"	x	20	"	108
21	"	x	21	"	98
22	"	x	22	"	94
23	"	x	23	"	82
24	"	x	24	"	75

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE APPROXIMATE
DISTANCES FOR LAYING OUT DIFFERENT
KINDS OF TREES.

Apples not less than 24 ft.
Pears not less than 24 ft.
Peaches 20 to 24 ft.
Apricots 20 ft.
Nectarines 20 ft.
Japanese Plums 20 ft.
Cherries 24 ft.
Almonds 24 ft.
Quinces 18 to 20 ft.
Figs 24 ft.

There are, of course, exceptions to the above, as may be found amongst the different varieties of plums, apples and pears, some of which grow naturally in an erect position, and others have a spreading pendulous habit.

Price-List of Fruit Trees.

Apples, Apricots, Almonds and Plums, when less than 100, 1/3 each, £6 per 100, and £60 per 1,000.

Peach trees 1/- each, £5 0 0 per 100, and £50 0 0 per 1,000.

Fig trees 1/- each when less than 100, £4 15 0 per 100, and £45 0 0 per 1,000.

Prune and Quince trees 9d. each, £3 15 0 per 100, and £37 10 0 per 1,000.

Special quotations for orders of more than 1,000.

N.B. — We deliver all trees at Worcester or Elgin Station, packing and carriage free, but when small orders are to be despatched by parcel post, we add postage to invoice.

It is impossible to send first size trees by parcel post, as same will have to be cut down too far.

N.B. — THIS PRICE LIST CANCELS
ALL PREVIOUS ONES.

Considering the high costs of printing, anyone receiving this catalogue, who does not intend planting trees, will help us greatly by handing over same to one who is likely to plant trees during the 1924 planting season.

Varieties.

APPLES.

CARTERS BLUE.—An apple which is now becoming popular in South Africa. Fruit large size, pale green, striped with dull red and blue bloom. Tree vigorous grower and good bearer.

COX ORANGE PIPPIN.—A very good dessert apple excellent flavour. Late.

COMMERCE.—An American variety by origin and of great merit. Tree free grower and good bearer. Fruit round and of good size. Stores well and good for export.

JONATHAN.—An American dessert apple, suitable for most soils; a slender but vigorous upright grower, and very productive. Fruit of medium size, yellow skin with red stripes and white flesh, soft and juicy. Well known in Australia. Stores well.

MISSOURI PIPPIN.—Fruit, large, pale, whitish yellow, with light and dark splashes, white flesh, moderately juicy, sub-acid. Highly recommended and stores well.

OHENIMURI.—A New Zealand apple by origin and is one and the same as Munro's Favourite. Suitable for dessert; a moderate grower and constant bearer; a firm tree, bears its fruit near to the stem and therefore the fruit is protected against strong wind. Highly recommended as a good storer.

ROME BEAUTY.—An American dessert apple by origin, does well in cold climates, a moderate grower and late bloomer. Large roundish yellow fruit, shaded and striped red with yellow dots. Yellow juicy flesh. Bears very well. A good storer.

ROKE WOOD.—An Australian apple, beautifully coloured. Very good for export and stores well. Highly recommended.

STONE PIPPIN.—A well-known apple, and one of the best where it does well.

SCARLET NONPARIEL.—An excellent English dessert, and well known in Australia. Fruit medium round, colour yellow streaked and red on the sunny side. Flesh yellowish white, firm, juicy and sweet. Tree hard, good grower, bears well. Stores well.

TAUPAKI.—A New Zealand apple by origin, perfectly shaped and highly coloured; a sure and heavy cropper. Tree practically blight-proof.

VERSFELD OR RED CAUDWELL.—A large, hard apple, a very good marketer, fruit large greenish yellow, striped with red, but almost red on the sunny side. Stores well.

WAINWRIGHT.—Fruit medium to large, colour yellowish red with crimson stripes on the sunny side, ripens February. Tree almost blight-proof. A popular apple in Natal. A good dessert and cooking apple.

WATSONVILLE SPECIAL.—Tree strong, upright grower and free bearer. Fruit of medium size and firm; colour deep yellow, flushed dark crimson. Ripens February-March. Stores well.

P. & P. de WET,
VILLIERSDORP, C.P.

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Please write distinctly

Name.....

Full postal address.....

Nearest Station.....

Here state how trees are to be forwarded.....

Approximate date of execution.....

Date..... Signature.....

Should we be sold out or short may we substitute nearest variety.....

Quantity	Name of Article				

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WEMMERSHOEK.—A favourite trading apple all over the Union, a heavy cropper, a palatable apple, decorated with a rich bloom, and thus stores very well. It is also known by the name of Late Bloomer. A good shipper.

WINE SAP.—Fruit medium size, roundish, flesh firm, crisp and juicy. Tree a healthy grower and good bearer. Ripens March. Stores well.

WHITE WINTER PEARMAN.—Tree strong and healthy; a vigorous grower and regular bearer. Fruit medium. Skin pale yellow with a more yellow cheek and sprinkled with dots. Flesh yellowish, crisp, juicy and sub-acid. Tree semi-blight-proof and is highly recommended in the Eastern Province. Stores well.

YORK IMPERIAL.—Fruit medium size, smooth yellow colour, red shades with indistinct red stripes, flesh yellow, rich and sub-acid. Stores very well.

ALMOND.

PAPER SHELL.—Medium size, soft shell nut of good quality and bears well.

APRICOTS.

OLD CAPE.—An old Cape selected variety. Ripens mid-season. Heavy and regular cropper. Fruit medium size. Excellent for mebos and all other purposes.

ROYAL.—This variety wherever planted in Africa, proved to be the best, and has become the most popular variety for both drying and canning purposes. It is a French apricot by origin. Is a good bearer, and a healthy and vigorous grower.

EARLY NEWCASTLE.—Very early. Fruit medium size; rich golden yellow with a red cheek; juicy. A regular bearer. Ripens November.

JAPANESE PLUMS.

APPLE.—Fruit large, roundish and of the blood class, practically the same as the Satsuma. Delicious flavour. Good shipper. Can be recommended.

BURBANK.—A very excellent and popular variety. Fruit round and clear red colour. Flesh yellow and very nice flavour. Tree vigorous grower and good bearer. Mid-season. Excellent for marketing, jam-making and canning. A late bloomer. Can be recommended.

CHALCOT.—Fruit, large, roundish and flat; colour bright crimson; should be allowed to ripen on the tree to secure best flavour. A very delicious plum. Ripens just before Kelsey. Good for export.

CHERRY.—Also known by the name of "New Year" Plum. Fruit small, round, red skin, rich flavour. Ripens early in December.

KELSEY.—The latest and largest of all plums, very rich flavour. Tree a fine grower. Fruit excellent for market and export. A plum that has given satisfaction all over. The best for drying.

METHLEY.—Originated in Natal by Mr. W. L. Methley, a cross between Satsuma and Cherry plums. A small globular fruit, colour dark red, with purple bloom; flesh dark red, melting and delicious and being a very early variety is excellent for the market.

SATSUMA.—A blood plum variety. Fruit of large size and almost round. Colour dark red. Stone very small. Excellent for market and canning. Tree a free and hardy grower.

SANTA ROSA.—Tree grows free, healthy and fruit free from any defects. A constant bearer. Good for export. Ripens at the end of December and early in January.

WICKSON.—The fruit from the time it is half grown until a few days before ripening is of a pearly white colour, but all at once a soft pink shading creeps over it, and in a few days it has changed to a glowing carmine, with a heavy white bloom; the stone is very small, and the flesh is of a fine texture, firm, sugary and delicious; one of the best.

PRUNE.

CALIFORNIA D'AGEN.—The best for commerce all over the world, and it is considered the finest of all prunes; fruit large violet colour.

PEARS.

BEURRE-BOSC.—Fruit large and of good quality, yellow skin and russet splashed. White flesh, fine and melting, a good grower and bearer. A well-known dessert pear in this country. Ripens in February. Stores well.

BON-CHRETIEN.—An excellent pear known all over the world, suitable for all purposes. Stores up to two months.

DECEMBER.—A well-known Cape variety. The earliest known pear, ripens during December. Tree a vigorous and upright grower, a good and regular bearer. Fruit small but of good flavour.

DOYENNE DU COMICE.—Large, roundish. Flesh tender, melting, juicy and rich. A delicious dessert pear. Tree a healthy grower. Good for export. March and later. Will store till July.

DUCHESSE D'ANGOULEME.—Fruit very large, oblong and uneven in outline. Skin pale yellow, with pale brown russet veins. Flesh white, buttery, melting and delicious. An excellent dessert pear and a good shipper. Tree a slender grower. Ripens April. Will store till July.

EASTER BEURRE.—A late variety of excellent quality; fruit large, roundish and flat; skin yellowish green with russety dots. Flesh white, firm, grained, melting and delicious. Tree a moderate grower and free bearer. Ripens from May. Will store till September.

FORELLE or TROUT.—A most beautiful pear, brilliant colour, covered with reddish dots resembling trout. Fruit medium size, oblong, obovate. Skin yellow, brilliant on sunny side. Flesh white, delicate, melting, sugary and aromatic flavour. Tree hardy and vigorous grower. Good for export, and will store till August. Ripens April-July.

GLOU MORCEAU.—One of the well-known and popular late shipping pears. Fruit from medium to large, skin pale greenish yellow, covered with greenish grey dots. Flesh white, tender, sugary and buttery. An excellent dessert pear. March-July. Excellent keeper. Will store until August. Good for export.

JARGONELLE.—A well-known early dessert pear of medium size, ripens shortly after December pear, and should not be allowed to ripen on the tree; skin smooth and greenish yellow with dark brownish red on sunny side. Flesh yellowish white, tender, melting and juicy; a rich vinous flavour. Tree a healthy and vigorous grower. Will not store.

JOSEPHINE DE MALINES.—An excellent late dessert pear of good quality and size. Skin yellowish-green, and red next sun. Flesh a slightly red tinged yellow, melting, juicy, with a fine aroma. A hardy and good bearing tree. Does well in South Africa and can be recommended for export. March.

KEIFFER HYBRID.—Fruit from medium to large, yellow skin with a light vermilion cheek, flesh very juicy, with musk aroma, slightly coarse but improves when fully ripe. Ripens in March and will store until September. Tree a very vigorous and upright grower. Stores very well and should be allowed to house ripen. Excellent for canning.

LOUISE-BONNE.—Very excellent pear, known all over the world. Fruit medium size and oblong; good bearer; white, juicy, melting flesh; good for storing and shipping.

WINTER NELIS.—A well-known and popular variety. A particularly slender growing tree. Fruit of a round and medium size; yellowish skin covered with russet spots and patches of brown russet. Curved long stalks, flesh yellowish, buttery vinous, with a fine aroma. An excellent late variety. March-August. Stores well. Excellent for shipping.

RIET PEER.—An old Cape variety. Fruit medium. Tree vigorous grower. Good bearer. Good for canning. Ripens early in January.

PEACHES.

BEETROOT.—Tree strong grower, bearing freely. Ripens end of December to January. Flesh red. Skin flushed dull red.

BRIGG'S RED MAY.—Large, very early, fine red cheek. Good shipper.

DR. HOGG.—A delicious English peach by origin. Fruit medium to large size, yellow dotted with red cheek. Flesh yellowish white, rich flavour. Mid-season. Totally freestone, and good shipper.

DUKE OF YORK.—A good coloured peach of fair size and rich flavour, very early. A good bearer. Can be recommended.

EARLY ALEXANDER.—Very early, red juicy flesh, good for market and shipping purposes.

ELBERTA.—Fruit large, yellow with red cheek, free stone, mid-season, healthy and free growing tree. Good for both market and drying.

FOSTER.—An American peach, popular in California. Fruit very large; colour deep orange on sunny side. Flesh yellow, rich and juicy. Ripens just before Early Crawford. Very good both for market and drying. Mid-season. Uncertain bearer.

HIGH'S EARLY CANADA.—An early American peach. Colour whitish yellow, spotted red on the sunny side; medium size, free stone, flesh white, juicy and melting. Ripens in December.

LE VAINQUEUR.—Large creamy white, with blush cheek; flesh tender, juicy, melting and delicious; free stone; ripens before Early Alexander. A variety now gaining favour.

LEMON CLING.—A large lemon coloured cling-stone peach. Good for canning. Ripens March.

MUIR.—Fruit large, yellow skin and flesh, perfect small free stone, very good bearer, very sweet flesh; mid-season. No doubt the best for drying, canning and other purposes.

PARVIE.—White flesh, cling-stone, very rich flavour, and very good for canning. Also known by the name of "canning peach".

PEREGRINE.—A distinct mid-season variety, distinguished by its good constitution and productiveness. Fruit large and handsome, with a brilliant crimson skin; flesh rich, highly flavoured, and parting readily from the stone. Good for export.

ROYAL GEORGE.—A well-known English variety of good quality. Fruit large round. Skin very pale, speckled with red in the shade, with deeper red on the sunny side. Flesh pale yellowish white, red at the stone, juicy rich, delicious, and highly flavoured. Mid-season.

SALWAY.—An English variety by origin, and a standard Californian late peach. Fruit large round; skin yellow, and a rich crimson cheek, flesh deep yellow, red round the stone. Very late. Good for both market and drying.

SCHOONGEZICHT.—An old Cape variety of delicious flavour, fairly large size, beautiful colour; a good and regular bearer. Well known in London.

SEA EAGLE.—Fruit large, greeny white colour. Flesh tender and juicy. Ripens March.

VAN RENSBURG.—A very late cling-stone peach, ripens when all other varieties are out of the market. Not thoroughly tested yet.

WATERLOO.—Fruit fairly large size and roundish, colour bright red cheek, mottled dark red on sunny side; flesh pale, tinged red on shaded side, not quite free-stone. Melting, juicy, and rich flavour; very early, ripens same time as Early Alexander.

NECTARINE.

GOLD MINE.—Free stone, biggest size, colour bronzy red, ripens early in December.

FIGS.

We have the following varieties of fig trees in stock, and can recommend the Adriatic, White Genoa and the Old Cape White for extensive planting, and hence for commercial purposes. They are strong and healthy growers.

Figs cannot so easily be transplanted as other deciduous fruit trees, and should therefore be cut down to about one foot from the ground, and the fibrous roots also shortened-in closely.

From the above and by experience, we can recommend the medium size fig tree for transplanting.

ADAM (BROWN).
CALIMYRNA (WHITE).
CASTLE KENNEDY (BROWN).
LORENZO MARQUIS (DARK).
NEW BRUNSWICK (BROWN).
NEGRO LARGO (DARK).
OLD CAPE (WHITE).
WHITE ADRIATIC.
WHITE GENOA.

QUINCE.

OLD CAPE.—An old Cape selected variety. The best for commercial purposes. Fruit from medium to large. Can be recommended.

TESTIMONIALS.

A few out of many testimonials recently received:—

CAPE ORCHARD CO., LTD., ORCHARD, C.P. — We are pleased to say that the 1,200 trees you supplied us with during the 1922 Season, as well as the trees received from you for the Planting Season just past, have all grown well and have given complete satisfaction.

MR. J. Z. LE ROUX, M.P.C., BOT RIVER, C.P. — I must thank you very much for sending me such a splendid lot of trees. They arrived in splendid condition, and I am very pleased with same. Fully 95 per cent. have taken.

LADY RE VILLIERS GRAAFF, "De Grendel," TIJGERBERG, C.P. — You will be glad to hear, that all the apple trees we ordered from you were received in excellent condition, and were sturdy and healthy trees. The trees are all growing well and last year we had a very good crop of apples, and they promise well for the coming season. I shall always be pleased to give you further orders, and recommend you to any one wishing to plant an orchard.

MR. C. E. WAIT, "Vale," KRAAIFONTEIN, C.P. — The trees I purchased from you the last two years appear to be growing very well indeed. When I first placed the order with you I was a bit doubtful about the quality as the price was so exceedingly low, but the standard size of the trees you sent me have given every satisfaction. One does not mind paying a higher price for young apple and pear trees provided the quality and size is good.

P. & P. DE WET, NURSERYMEN

MR. W. R. BUSS, CITRUS ESTATE, MAZOE, SOUTHERN RHODESIA. The trees arrived in splendid condition, although a long time on rail. They are thoroughly vigorous and although only having been planted out for a month, are all in foliage. I am very pleased with them.

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MESSRS. BAKER & BOND, "Fettiplace," LONGHOPE. — We were very satisfied with the thousand Royal Apricot trees supplied to us last season.

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MR. J. OSCAR, HOUW HOEK, C.P., — I wish to let you know, that the apple trees sent me last year have made very good progress, and I am highly satisfied with them.

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MR. D. B. MALAN, GREAT ARRIESKRAAL, ELGIN., C.P. — Some eight years back I planted several thousands of your apple trees, together with a few thousand apple trees from other nurseries. At first I thought that I had made a mistake in planting your trees, as they were grafted and not budded. I now find, that after eight years, your trees are far in advance of those budded on Northern Spy and they are also showing more fruit and growth than the trees budded on Northern Spy. I may also state, that last year I took several first prizes at the Caledon Show, for apples from trees out of your nurseries.

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MR. W. A. KRIGE, "Weltevreden," ELGIN, C.P. — The trees you sent me in 1921 were strong and healthy, and of the entire consignment I did not lose a single tree. They are doing splendidly to-day and compare very favourably with other trees planted at the same time.

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MESSRS. METCALFE & BOSMAN, "The Highlands" WORCESTER, C.P. — If you could come out to our farm, it will be a pleasure to us to show you how the 2,000 apple, 2,000 peach, 1,500 prune trees, etc., supplied by you, have grown, especially the Elberta peach-trees. We can't possibly expect the trees to have grown better or given a better crop. We shall always endeavour to recommend your firm for trees of a high quality, and if you can always supply the varieties we prefer to plant, we will never buy elsewhere.

